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PROFILE

Architect with fifteen years of practice across healthcare, aviation, hospitality, housing, offices and interiors. Has led projects from concept design through budgeting, procurement, construction-site follow-up and delivery — as team leader, project manager and, since 2020, founder of her own practice. She believes good space comes not from ornament, but from proportion, material and light.

EXPERIENCE

Founder & Architect

2020 — present

MAGMA ARCHITECTURE & TECHNOLOGY LTD. · ANKARA, ISTANBUL

Concept design and development, project delivery and management, design consultancy and process management.

SELECTED PROJECTS

- Vladimir House — residence, Izmir (2025)
- Z Apartment — interior design & implementation, Ankara (2025)
- Residential Villa Complex, Izmir (2023)
- A House — residence, Izmir (2022)
- Kusadasi Villa — concept & implementation, Aydin
- Silivri Villa Estate — concept design, Istanbul
- Elmalikent Housing — concept design, Istanbul
- Gumuldur Villa — concept design, Izmir

Also founder of Magmaviz, an architectural visualization studio (magmaviz.com).

Design Architect

2019 — 2020

MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE GROUP · ISTANBUL, ANKARA

Hospital-wide renovation programme: on-site needs assessment, detailed reports, design proposals, preliminary budgets, on-site prototypes, construction follow-up and inter-team coordination. Led healthcare product R&D — hygiene units and protective shields taken from sketch to full-scale production.

PROJECTS

- Ankara, Sisli and Atasehir Memorial Hospitals — renovation design

Project Manager

2015 — 2019

PLAN Z ARCHITECTURE · ISTANBUL

Managed concept and design development, project supervision, interdisciplinary coordination and client communication; developed construction details and led implementation projects; managed urban-transformation projects including regulatory compliance and presentations; site management for interior projects.

SELECTED PROJECTS

- Coast Guard Command — apron, aircraft maintenance hangar & landscape, Izmir Airport (15,000 m²)
- Thermal Resort & Aquapark — design & implementation, Kirsehir (41,100 m²)
- Arkon Group multi-storey office building, Istanbul
- Facade rehabilitation — 250 buildings, Kirsehir; 22 buildings, Kocaeli
- IETT Sirinevler & Cevizlibag pedestrian bridges — ideas project, Istanbul
- Doga College school building — concept design, Kastamonu
- Villa estates — 10 units, Istanbul; 15 units, Izmir
- Mordogan A&N Villa, Izmir
- Kirsehir civic projects — covered market, TOKI family life centre, family life centre, open-air astronomy park, art street concept
- Military housing — concept design, Kirsehir

- Interiors — STFA Holding Atasehir office; Huma Architecture office; Pasafirini Emirgan; Destan Transport office; Cengelkoy, Cekmekoy and Sinpas Aquacity villas, Istanbul
- Urban transformation projects — Kadikoy and Kagithane, Istanbul

Team Leader

2010 — 2015

OGE ARCHITECTS · ISTANBUL

Managed concept and design development, project supervision, interdisciplinary coordination and client communication; led construction documentation, 3D visualization and concept presentations.

SELECTED PROJECTS

- Turkish Airlines (THY) Flight School complex, Aydin
- Kale Seramik R&D building; Sinterflex headquarters & showroom, Canakkale
- McDonald's concept & implementation projects — 18 restaurants across Turkiye
- Thermal hotel; shopping centre; student residence, Canakkale
- Villa estates — 30 units, Yalova; 47 units, Canakkale
- Rize University multi-purpose hall and Cayeli faculty, Rize
- Urban bus terminal, Kirsehir; teachers' house, Sivas
- Mixed-use housing and business centre, Ardahan; living complexes, Istanbul and Bitlis
- MAN Truck service building, Baghdad
- Interiors — Doga College, Adana; show homes, Yalova and Canakkale; residential projects in Istanbul

COMPETITIONS

First Prize & commission Honourable Mention

Yalova Vega Houses Architectural Competition

Third Prize

Kepez Congress & Fair Center — National Architectural Competition

Canakkale Chamber of Commerce & Industry Competition

All awarded as a member of the design team.

EDUCATION

- 2018** Master of Science in Computational Architecture — Yildiz Technical University, Faculty of Architecture, Istanbul
- 2010** Bachelor of Architecture — Karadeniz Technical University, Faculty of Architecture, Trabzon
- 2008** Erasmus exchange — Università degli Studi di Sassari, Faculty of Architecture, Alghero, Italy

SKILLS

SOFTWARE

- AutoCAD · SketchUp · 3ds Max
- V-Ray · Corona · Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign
- SAP (MM) · Microsoft Office

LANGUAGES

- Turkish — native
- English — professional working proficiency
- Italian, German — basic